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2. 1 sheets of Drawing.
3. 18 sheets of Substitute Specification.
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5. 22 sheets of PCT Published Application No. WO 2005/061836 A1.
6. 3 sheets of PCT Request (PCT/RO/101).
7. 1 sheet of priority German Patent Appln. Serial No. DE 103 56 693.
8. 3 sheets of PCT Search Report performed by EPO.
9. 3 sheets of International Preliminary Examination Report.
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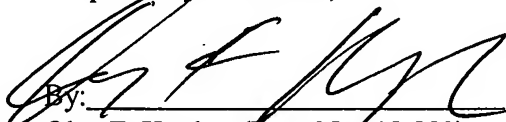
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